

REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUATION
APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 111(A)

DOCKET NUMBER: 87225.1819

Prior Application: U.S. Serial No. 09/964,176
Art Unit: 3753
Examiner: J. RIVELL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation or continuation-in-part application, entitled
BACKFLOW PREVENTOR WITH ADJUSTABLE OUTFLOW DIRECTION, under 35 U.S.C. 111(a)
of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/964,176, filed on September, 25, 2001, entitled BACKFLOW
PREVENTOR WITH ADJUSTABLE OUTFLOW DIRECTION, by the following named inventor(s):

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1. ☒ I hereby verify, to the best of my knowledge, that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application.
2. ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 2a. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
Copies of the cited references can be found in parent Application Serial No. 09/750,471.
3. ☒ Cancel claims 2 - 9 and add claims 10 - 23.
4. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 above:

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| | No. of Claims | | Extra Claims | Rate | Fee |
|--|------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| Total Claims | 15 | Minus 20 | 0 | x \$18= | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | Minus 3 | 0 | x \$84= | \$0.00 |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$750.00 |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$750.00 |
| Subtract ½ if small entity | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE | | | | | \$750.00 |
| AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 50-0436 | | | | | \$0.00 |

- 4a. ☐ Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 4b. ☐ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
5. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 09/964,176 or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.
6. ☒ Please amend the specification by deleting the first paragraph on page 1, lines 5-10 of the specification and inserting the sentence: This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/964,176, filed September 25, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.
7. ☐ Priority of United States Provisional Application Number _____, filed _____, and _____, filed _____ designating the U.S.
8. ☐ Also enclosed: Assignment and Transmittal
9. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending application until _____.
10. ☒ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record)

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11. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2036. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.

12. ☐ A check in the amount of \$750.00 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2036. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

☐ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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